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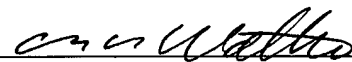
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  - d. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
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- JP 11-168574 corresponds to U.S. 6,336,038; and  
WO 02/003735 corresponds to EP 1 209 933.
5. ☐ A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AA	6,336,038	1/2002	Nojima et al.			
	AB						
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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